LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR §440.386 and 42 CFR §440.345, and in compliance with the provisions of section 5006(e) of the ARRA of 2009, the Department of Health and Welfare is giving public notice of an impending change in the Idaho State Medicaid Plan Alternative Benefit Plan.

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment in order to update the Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP). The MMCP is a voluntary managed care plan available to Idaho residents over age 21 that are dually eligible for Medicare Parts A and B and full Medicaid benefits. Currently, the plan is available in 42 out of Idaho's 44 counties. The health plan administering the MMCP, Blue Cross of Idaho Care Plus, Inc., received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reduce the service area effective January 1, 2017. The service area will include the following counties: Ada, Bannock, Bingham, Boise, Bonner, Bonneville, Boundary, Canyon, Cassia, Clark, Elmore, Fremont, Gem, Jefferson, Kootenai, Madison, Minidoka, Nez Perce, Owyhee, Payette, Power, Twin Falls. The MMCP Alternative Benefit Plan must be updated to reflect the geographic availability of the program.

The effective date of these changes is January 1, 2017.

No public hearings have been scheduled at this time.

For technical questions or to review the changes call Ali Fernández at (208) 287-1156, or e-mail the request to FernandA@dhw.idaho.gov.

Written comments may also be sent to and reviewed by the public at the following address:

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